2024 At the Knoll

245 volunteers aged **8** through **78** brought their willing hands and hearts to garden with us

50 cases of kale and chard delivered to Midd Dining

17 pizza parties featuring our Wood-fired Oven in our Outdoor Kitchen

4 raised garden beds installed with help from the Disability Resource Center and Prism Center for Queer and Trans Life

50 pounds of kkakdugi radish kimchi made by Cassia Park '24.5

185 students in **7** classes attended class at least once at the Knoll

50 participants in Michaela Stickney '84's Hand Mowing demonstrations during Reunion '24 sharing the ancient graceful art of using a scythe

146 events hosting **2,624** people

600+ people at our **3rd annual** Mid-Autumn Harvest Festival featuring **15** campus student organizations & departments coordinated by Changchang Ma '26

1690 hours worked by **4** summer interns

1317 pounds of produce grown & donated to HOPE

3 weeks of collaborative programming with UVM Agroecology Extension Fellows & St. Michael's College Farm crew

Annual Report Highlights

"...thank you to everyone who has put their hands in the soil this past year, walked or danced or ran through the garden paths, taken a bite of Knoll produce, watched a sunset from an Adirondack chair, showed up to a sometimes chaotic Knoll event, cried while walking the labyrinth, asked the interns a question at a tabling event, brought someone you love to the garden, or used the garden in any way as a space to step back from campus and be tender on yourself...All that the Knoll is, we are."

"The meaningfulness of the Knoll extends so far beyond just the garden and the space itself, so open your arms wide and be ready for anything - experiences, places, people, conversations, food - to come to you and hug you back."

illustrations by Charlotte Xu '26.5

Mission

The Middlebury College Knoll explores food as a medium to cultivate well-being in people, place, and the planet. We root our work in celebrating connection and dismantling oppression

Campus & Community Partners

- Anderson Freeman Center
- ACORN Food Hub
- School of Abenaki
- HOPE
- Scott Center
- Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk Abenaki
- New Perennials
- Middlebury Dining

Course Partnerships

- The Science of Environmental Systems
- Abenaki Language School
- Environmental Education
- Language Structure and Function
- Urban Nature: The Ecology of Cities
- Origins of Photography

Looking Forward

Needs:
A large pavilion to provide shade, solar electricity, reliable water, and parking. We seek for our space to be accessible to all.

Dreaming:
Additional staffing to support our work on the ground

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OCT. 14, 2024

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